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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 3, please amend the specification to replace the "Reference To Pending Prior Patent Application" with a new "Reference To Pending Prior Patent Application" as follows:

-- Reference To Pending Prior Patent Application

This is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/874,869, filed 06/05/01 by David T. Chen et al. for ANATOMICAL VISUALIZATION SYSTEM, which is in turn a continuation of application Serial No. 09/111,431 filed 07/07/98 by David T. Chen et al. for ANATOMICAL VISUALIZATION SYSTEM, which is in turn a continuation of application Serial No. 08/505,587 filed 07/24/95 by David T. Chen et al. for ANATOMICAL VISUALIZATION SYSTEM. --